

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of OhioIn the Matter of the Tracking of
(Identify the person to be tracked or describe
the object or property to be used for tracking)A silver 2003 Honda Odyssey van, bearing temporary
Ohio license plate number J159156, and Vehicle
Identification Number 5FNRL186X3B032733

Case No.

19 MJ - 495

APPLICATION FOR A TRACKING WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or attorney for the government, have reason to believe that the person, property, or object described above has been and likely will continue to be involved in one or more violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 846. Therefore, in furtherance of a criminal investigation, I request authority to install and use a tracking device or use the tracking capabilities of the property or object described above to determine location. The application is based on the facts set forth on the attached sheet.

- ☒ The person, property, or object is located in this district.
- ☐ The person, property, or object is not now located in this district, but will be at the time of execution.

- ☐ The activity in this district relates to domestic or international terrorism.
- ☐ Other:

The tracking will likely reveal these bases for the warrant under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c): (check one or more)

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☐ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

- ☒ I further request, for purposes of installing, maintaining or removing the tracking device, authority to enter the following vehicle or private property, or both:
A silver 2003 Honda Odyssey van, bearing temporary Ohio license plate number J159156, and Vehicle Identification Number 5FNRL186X3B032733

- ☒ Delayed notice of 30 days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.



Applicant's signature

Tyler D. Field, Special Agent, DEA

Applicant's printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 7/2/19


Judge's signature

City and state: Cincinnati, Ohio

Hon. Karen L. Litkovitz, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
For An Order Authorizing The Installation
And Monitoring Of A Tracking Device In Or
On **silver 2003 Honda Odyssey van**, Bearing
Temporary Ohio License Plate Number
J159156 And Vehicle Identification Number
5FNRL186X3B032733

CASE NO.
Fed. R. Crim. P. 41;
18 U.S.C. § 3117

Filed Under Seal

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Tyler D. Field, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I make this affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and 18 U.S.C. § 3117 to authorize the installation and monitoring of a tracking device on a **silver 2003 Honda Odyssey van**, bearing temporary Ohio license plate number **J159156** and Vehicle Identification Number **5FNRL186X3B032733** (“the **SUBJECT VEHICLE**”). Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, I believe that the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** is presently being used in furtherance of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 846 and that there is probable cause to believe that the installation of a tracking device on the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** and use of the tracking device will lead to evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the aforementioned crimes as well as to the identification of individuals who are engaged in the commission of those and related crimes.

2. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and have been so employed since March 2016. I also serve as a U.S. Army Military Police Major in the Indiana Army National Guard and have done so for over seventeen years. Prior to being

employed with the DEA, I was employed as a police officer for the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts for over three years. I graduated from the U.S. Army Military Police School, Plymouth Police Academy, and DEA Basic Agent Academy. During those courses I received training in the investigation of offenses involving controlled substances. As a Special Agent of the DEA, my duties and responsibilities include conducting criminal investigations for violations of federal law, particularly those found in Title 21 and Title 18 of the United States Code. As a DEA agent, I participated in approximately fifteen criminal investigations seeking evidence of violations of the Federal Controlled Substances Act (Title 21, of the United States Code).

3. I am currently assigned to the Cincinnati Resident Office of the DEA. I received specialized training from the DEA, including the 18-week Basic Agent Training course. That training focused on methods of unlawful drug trafficking; the identification of controlled substances; surveillance; undercover operations; confidential source management; the means by which drug traffickers derive, launder, and conceal their profits from drug trafficking; the use of assets to facilitate unlawful drug trafficking activity; and the law permitting the forfeiture to the United States of assets purchased with drug proceeds or assets used or intended to be used to facilitate the drug violations.

4. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. The sources of my information and beliefs include oral and written reports about this and other investigations received from fellow agents and Task Force Officers with the DEA. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

5. Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841 and 846 have been committed, are being committed, and will be committed by David KEMP, Joshua HOPGOOD, and other as-yet unknown individuals. I believe there is probable cause that the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** is being used in furtherance of the aforementioned crimes and that there is also probable cause to believe that the locations of the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** will constitute evidence of those criminal violations, and will lead to the identification of individuals who are engaged in the commission of these offenses.

PROBABLE CAUSE

6. In December, 2018, agents met with a Cincinnati Police Department confidential source (CS¹) who told agents that KEMP sells fentanyl for approximately \$2,600 per ounce. The CS said that during December 2018, KEMP provided the CS with approximately a gram of suspected fentanyl² as a "tester." The CS said that KEMP told the CS that it was fentanyl. KEMP also told the CS that KEMP currently had kilogram quantities of fentanyl. The CS described the fentanyl as white with a yellow tint.

7. On March 29, 2019, at approximately 11:13 a.m., geo-location information indicated that KEMP's telephone 513-276-0751 was located within approximately 2,301 meters of the area of 3114 Veazey Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. At approximately 11:35 a.m., agents observed an individual briefly meet with the occupants of a silver Nissan SUV with Ohio license plates HQJ2806 in the parking lot of the City Limits Laundry and Tan located at 5262 Crookshank Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. The area of 3114 Veazey Avenue is located within approximately 825

¹ CS# 2 has been previously charged with a felony drug-trafficking violation and is cooperating for monetary payment. CS# 2 has previously been able to provide information that has been independently corroborated by law enforcement officers and your affiant considers CS# 2 reliable.

² CS# 2 was not expecting KEMP to give CS# 2 fentanyl during their encounter. Unsure of what to do with the fentanyl, CS# 2 discarded the fentanyl. As a result, investigators were not able to submit the suspected fentanyl for analysis.

meters of 5262 Crookshank Road. According to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Nissan was registered to Enterprise Rental Cars. Based on my training and experience, I am aware that drug traffickers often use rental vehicles to distribute controlled substances in order to avoid detection from law enforcement. Officers/agents identified KEMP as the driver and HOPGOOD as the front passenger. The individual entered the Nissan and then moments later exited the Nissan and departed the area. Based on my training, experience, discussions with other law enforcement officers/agents, I am aware that meetings between drug traffickers to either distribute controlled substances or discuss the future distribution of controlled substances are often very brief. Consequently, I believe that during this meeting, KEMP and HOPGOOD engaged in a drug transaction. Following the meeting, the Nissan departed the area and travelled eastbound through multiple residential neighborhoods.

8. On May 23, 20019, agents learned from Duke Energy that HOPGOOD activated utilities at 2158 Weron Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio on April 23, 2019.

9. On May 30, 2019, agents examined the contents of a trash can placed on the curb in front of 2158 Weron Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio. I observed multiple plastic bags with the corners ripped off, commonly referred to as tear-offs. Based on my training and experience, I am aware that drug traffickers often pour controlled substances into the corners of plastic bags and then tear off the corners in order to package the controlled substances for distribution. According to the Hamilton County Crime Laboratory, the plastic bags contained fentanyl residue.

10. On June 20, 2019, agents examined the contents of a trash can placed on the curb in front of 2158 Weron Lane. I observed multiple plastic bags with the corners ripped off, consistent with the plastic bags I observed on May 30, 2019. Based on my training, experience, and my knowledge that the plastic bags seized on May 30, 2019 contained fentanyl residue, I

believe that the plastic bags seized on June 20, 2019 also contained fentanyl residue. The plastic bags will be submitted to the Hamilton County Crime Laboratory for testing.

11. While examining the contents of the trash at 2158 Weron Lane, I observed a **silver 2003 Honda Odyssey van**, bearing temporary Ohio license plate number **J159156** (the **SUBJECT VEHICLE**) parked in the driveway of 2158 Weron Lane. According to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** is registered to KEMP. Based on my training and experience, I am aware that drug traffickers use vehicles registered to themselves in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities.

12. Based on my training, experience, discussions with other law enforcement officers/agents, the CS' statements that KEMP is a source of supply for heroin/fentanyl, my belief that KEMP and HOPGOOD engaged in a drug transaction on March 29, 2019, my knowledge HOPGOOD has utilities in his name at 2158 Weron Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, my knowledge that plastic bags which contained fentanyl residue were located in a trash can placed on the curb in front of 2158 Weron Lane on May 30, 2019, my knowledge that the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** was parked in the driveway of 2158 Weron Lane, and my knowledge that the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** is registered to KEMP, I believe that KEMP and/or HOPGOOD are using the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities.

13. I have used mobile telephone geo-location information to track KEMP's and HOPGOOD's locations. I believe that a GPS tracking device will be a more efficient method of doing so. Based on my training and experience, I know that GPS tracking devices often provide more accurate location information than mobile telephone geo-location information. I also know that a GPS tracking device provides real-time location information as opposed to mobile telephone geo-location information, which can only provide the telephone's location every 15 minutes.

14. The use of a vehicle tracker is vital and necessary for investigators to continue said investigation to track the operator (KEMP and or HOPGOOD) of the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** conducting narcotics transactions with known traffickers, and or transporting the proceeds from the sales of narcotics. Additionally, the use of an installed vehicle tracker on the above **SUBJECT VEHICLE** will allow investigators to establish a criminal pattern of KEMP.

15. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3117, for the reasons set forth above, and in good faith, your affiant requests authorization for a Tracking Warrant on the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** for forty-five (45) calendar days.

16. In order to track the movement of the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** effectively and to decrease the chance of detection, I seek authorization to place a tracking device in/on the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** while it is in the Southern District of Ohio. Because KEMP and HOPGOOD sometimes parks the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** in driveways and on other private property, it may be necessary to enter onto private property and/or move the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** to effect the installation, repair, replacement, and removal of the tracking device.

17. To ensure the safety of the executing agent(s) and to avoid premature disclosure of the investigation, it is requested that the court authorize installation, maintenance, and removal of the tracking device during both daytime and nighttime hours.

18. In the event the Court grants this application, there will be a periodic monitoring of the tracking device during both daytime and nighttime hours for a period of 45 days following the installation of the device. The tracking device may produce signals from inside private garages or other such locations not open to the public or visual surveillance. Based on agent's observations and surveillance, I know that the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** is presently within the Southern District of Ohio.

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

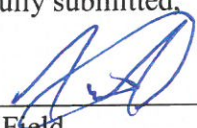
19. Based on the foregoing, I request that the Court issue the proposed search warrant, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and 18 U.S.C. § 3117, that authorizes members of DEA or their authorized representatives, including but not limited to other law enforcement agents and technicians assisting in the above-described investigation, to install a tracking device on the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** within the Southern District of Ohio within 10 days of the issuance of the proposed warrant, to maintain, repair, and/or replace the tracking device as necessary, and to remove the tracking device from the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** after the use of the tracking device has ended; to install, maintain, and remove the tracking device during both daytime and nighttime hours; to surreptitiously enter private property and/or move the **SUBJECT VEHICLE** to effect the installation, repair, replacement, and removal of the tracking device; and to monitor the tracking device for a period of 45 days following the issuance of the warrant, including when the tracking device is inside private garages and other locations not open to the public or visual surveillance, both within and outside the Southern District of Ohio.

20. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(f)(3), I further request that the warrant delay notification of the execution of the warrant for 30 days after the end of the authorized period of tracking (including any extensions thereof) because there is reasonable cause to believe that providing immediate notification may have an adverse result, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2705. Providing immediate notice would seriously jeopardize the ongoing investigation by prematurely revealing its existence and giving suspects an opportunity to flee from prosecution, destroy or tamper with evidence, intimidate potential witnesses, notify confederates, and change patterns of behavior.

21. I further request that the Court seal the warrant and the affidavit and application in support thereof, except that copies of the warrant in full or redacted form may be maintained by

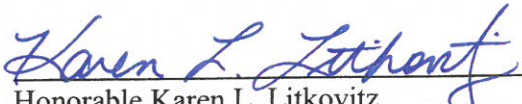
the United States Attorney's Office and may be served on Special Agents and other investigative and law enforcement officers of the DEA, federally deputized state and local law enforcement officers, and other government and contract personnel acting under the supervision of such investigative or law enforcement officers, as necessary to effectuate the warrant. These documents pertain to and discuss an ongoing criminal investigation that is neither public nor known to all the targets of the investigation. Accordingly, there is good cause to seal these documents because their premature disclosure may seriously jeopardize the investigation. Sealing these documents will also better ensure the safety of agents and others.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler D. Field
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2 day of June 19 2019



Honorable Karen L. Litkovitz
United States Magistrate Judge